

Request for City Council Committee Action From the City Attorney's Office

Date:

July 10, 2015

To:

Council Member John Quincy, Chair of Ways & Means

Subject:

Israel Belachew v. Reuben and City of Minneapolis

Court File No.:

27-CV-14-19084

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this lawsuit by payment of \$7,500.00 payable to Israel Belachew and his attorneys, The Cody Law Group, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

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Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact:(Check those that apply)

X Other financial impact (Explain): \$7,500.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400

Community Impact:

Other

Background/Supporting Information:

This lawsuit arises out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on February 23, 2012, when Mr. Belachew was struck by a City of Minneapolis Police squad.

Mr. Belachew's vehicle sustained \$2,156.08 in damage. He sustained injuries and incurred in excess of \$7,067.48 in treatment expenses. He continues to suffer difficulties as a result of his injuries.

Following negotiations with his attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Mr. Belachew's personal injury lawsuit, including property damage, against the City in the amount of \$7,500.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Police Department and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.